



# **UWUA LOCAL 132**

## **AMI TRAINING UPDATE June 29, 2010**

Training is the key to finding good paying jobs at the Gas Company. That is why your Union, Local 132, has obtained funding for this much needed training for our members.

The first round of training is underway right now. That is the training that's taking place at Pico Rivera. That training was made possible with funding from The Utility Workers Western States Training Trust. Local 132 holds three seats on the Board of Trustees for that Trust. There are three other organizations that hold seats on that Board as well, The California Water Service Co., The California Water Utility Council (who are members of the Utility Workers Union) and So Cal Gas. Recently there was a unanimous vote taken in favor of funding for the training at Pico Rivera.

While the funding received from the Trust thus far is a good thing, more in-depth training will be necessary to maximize our AMI affected members chances of finding a good paying job at the Gas Company. That is why Local 132 has received funding from a Federal grant obtained by the National Union that will provide training at LA Trade Tech for as many as 300 Local 132 members.

Curriculum is currently being developed and training may include:

- Plumbing
- Small Appliance Repair
- Keyboard / Business Skills
- Call Center
- Basic electricity

These programs will hopefully be rolled out in August.

The National Union will be applying for additional Federal grants in the near future and we will be seeking funding for additional training through those future grants.

This is all in addition to the One Million Dollars set aside by the CPUC for training as well. Make no mistake about it, this funding was a direct result of Local 132 intervening at the CPUC on your behalf and we intend to make sure that every penny of this money is used for its intended purpose.

**LOCAL 132 WILL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED AS TO ANY  
NEW TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS.**